(b) if so, what is the schedule of implementation of the said refinery;

(c) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the refinery in question is being delayed due to difference between the IOC and the Hinduja's over setting up of a lube blending plant;

(d) if so, what are the points of differences and the decision taken thereon; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to ensure timely implementation of the Orissa Oil Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Government have decided, in principle, to set up a 6 MMTPA refinery as joint venture in Eastern India with IOC as a partner with 26% equity. As per the decision, IOC is to select the JV partner and then come to the Government. A letter of Intent has also been issued to M/s. Ashok Leyland Gotco on 14-8-1992 for setting up a refinery of 6 MMTPA capacity in Paradip, Orissa.

(b) The approximate time required for putting up a refinery is between 48 months to 60 months from the date of approval by the Government.

(c) IOC is yet to finalise the selection of a partner for the Joint Venture Refinery.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

2933. *[Transferred to 26th August, 1993.]*

Checking Quality and Quantity of Petrol at Petrol Pumps

2934. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any machinery exists to check quantity and quality of petrol supply at petrol pumps;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of cases registered and penalties levied during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether there is a provision to make surprise checks of Petrol Pumps; and

(e) if so, the number of surprise checks made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Checks and inspections are carried out by Oil Companies and State Government officials of quantity and quality of products supplied.

(c) During the last three years 35 (thirty five) cases were registered all over the country and action taken against defaulting dealers.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) During the last three years, 66454 surprise checks were made.

According Authority to Recommend two LPG agencies to each MP

2935. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to accord authority to recommend two LPG agencies to each Member of Parliament in a calendar year; and

(b) if so, by when the said authority will be provided to the Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for allocation of Kerosene

2936. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have fixed up any criteria for allocation of kerosene;

(b) whether any growth rate in allocating kerosene to the State is allowed;

(c) if so, at what rate;

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof;

(e) whether Government of Gujarat had requested for more allocation of kerosene; and

(f) if so, what action has been taken by Government of India, if additional allocation of kerosene is not made to the State, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The allocation of kerosene to various States/UTs is made by the Government